

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claims 1-10 (canceled).

5 Claim 11 (new): A virtual assistant comprising:
a data terminal;
at least two electroacoustic converters; and
at least one other sound source;

10 said at least two electroacoustic converters being driven such that the virtual assistant can be spatially positioned by a data terminal user to achieve acoustic separation between the electrostatic converters and at least one other sound source.

15 Claim 12 (new): The virtual assistant as claimed in claim 1, wherein the spatial positioning of the virtual assistant is achieved by targeted signal processing of the sound information from the data terminal.

20 Claim 13 (new): The virtual assistant as claimed in claim 1, wherein the virtual assistant can be positioned by the user to be located in the vicinity of the user's head and behind one of the user's shoulders.

25 Claim 14 (new): The virtual assistant as claimed in claim 1 wherein the spatial positioning of the virtual assistant can be preset.

30 Claim 15 (new): The virtual assistant as claimed in claim 1 further comprising an electromechanical input device for receiving user input to set the positioning of the virtual assistant can be set by means of an electromechanical input device.

35 Claim 16 (new): The virtual assistant as claimed in claim 1 wherein the positioning of the virtual assistant can be set by means of voice commands.

Claim 17 (new): The virtual assistant as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the positioning of the virtual assistant can be set by means of inputs entered on a touch-sensitive display unit.

5 Claim 18 (new): The virtual assistant as claimed in claim 1 the data terminal comprises mobile data terminals.

Claim 19 (new): A method of providing audible information to a terminal user comprising the steps of:

10 providing at least two electroacoustic converters;
 processing signals containing the audible information; and
 driving the electroacoustic converters with said processed signals such that
an apparent source of the audible information can be positioned, and the spatial
acoustic separation between the information output by the electroacoustic
15 converters and at least one additional sound source can be improved.

Claim 20 (new): The method as claimed in claim 9, further comprising a head position sensor which records the head movements of the data terminal user; and

20 taking into account the user's head movements while processing the signals containing the audible information in such a way that the selected spatial position of the apparent source of the audible information remains unchanged relative to the user's head even if the user's head moves.